

Opportunity to Comment on Stephens Production Company 1-15H Gas Well Project

The Ozark-St. Francis National Forest, Mt. Magazine Ranger District, has prepared a draft environmental assessment for the Stephens Production Company Gas Well 1-15H Project. Stephens Production Company is proposing to construct a gas well on National Forest land. Preparation for this drilling activity would include roadwork to access the well, construction of drill pad, and construction of reserve pit.

If the well produces, production facilities would be installed on that drill pad and a gathering line would be installed from the production facilities to Green Bench Road. Production equipment to be installed on the drill pad would consist of, but not be limited to, a wellhead, a separator unit, a meter shed, a produced water tank, and if needed, a compressor and/or dehydrator. The proposed project or activity is subject to the pre-decisional objection process pursuant to 36 CFR 218 Subparts A and B. The proposed project is an activity implementing a land management plan and is subject to pre-decisional objection process at 36 CFR 218 Subparts A and B.

The proposed project or activity is available on-line at:

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/osfnf/landmanagement/planning/?cid=stelprdb5212192>. The draft EA and supporting documentation is also available for review at the Mt. Magazine Ranger District office. Additional information regarding this project or activity can be obtained from: Mindi Lawson, 3001 East Walnut, Paris, AR 72855 Ph. 479-963-3076, malawson@fs.fed.us

How to Comment and Timeframe

The opportunity to comment ends 30 days following the date of publication of the legal notice in The Times Record. Only those who submit timely and specific written comments §218.2 regarding the proposed project or activity during a public comment period established by the responsible official are eligible to file an objection §218.24(b)(6). For issues to be raised in objections, they must be based on previously submitted specific written comments regarding the proposed project or activity and attributed to the objector. The publication date of the legal notice in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the time to submit written comments on a proposed project or activity. The time period for the opportunity to comment on a proposed project or activity to be documented with an environmental assessment shall not be extended. It is the responsibility of all individuals and organizations to ensure that their comments are received in a timely manner.

Written comments must be submitted to: Rob Kopack, Deputy District Ranger, 3001 East Walnut, Paris, AR 72855 fax 479-963-8055, Ph. 479-963-3076. The office business hours for those submitting hand-delivered comments are: 8:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Electronic comments must be submitted in a format such as an email message, plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf), or Word (.doc, .docx) to comments-southern-forest-district@fs.fed.us. For objection eligibility, each individual or representative from each entity submitting timely and specific written comments regarding the proposed project or activity must either sign the comments or verify identity upon request §218.24(b)(8).

Please state "Stephens Production Company 1-15H Gas Well" in the subject line when providing electronic comments, or on the envelope when replying by mail.